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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. LEADING, INDEPENDENT FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY  
"MADAGASCAR MATIN" PUBLISHED THREE STORIES ON INTER-  
NATIONAL PAGE OF MARCH 23 CONCERNING MAJOR AMERICAN  
FOREIGN POLICY ACTIVITIES. THEY CONCERNED HORN OF  
AFRICA, CARTER-BEGIN MEETINGS, AND YOUNG DAR ES SALAAM  
PRESS CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, ALL BASED  
LARGELY ON AFP DISPATCHES.

2. UNDER MISLEADING HEADLINE: "AMERICAN PRESENCE IN  
THE HORN OF AFRICA", PAPER PUBLISHED ARTICLE OPINING  
THAT SOMALI OGADEN ADVENTURE TAUGHT IT IMPORTANT  
LESSONS. STORY SAID MOOSE MOGADISCIO VISIT INDICATED  
U.S. WILLINGNESS TO REAPPEAR IN HORN AND SOMALI DESIRE  
TO REVISE ITS FOREIGN POLICY. U.S. PRESENCE IN REGION,  
ARTICLE SAID, "WOULD ONLY BE DONE IN ORDER TO COUNTER-  
BALANCE THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH IS MOVING AHEAD (QUI  
MARQUE DES POINTS) THERE."  
AFTER EXPLAINING THAT U.S. COULD DO LONGER LET SOVIETS  
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PENETRATE IN REGION AND DESCRIBING EFFECTS SUCH PENETRATION  
COULD HAVE ON ISRAEL AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN RED SEA  
AREA, ARTICLE SAID MOOSE VISIT COULD BE FIRST STAGE  
IN SOMALI RETURN TO "STRICTER" NON-ALIGNMENT. STORY  
SAID TITO EMISSARY WHO RECENTLY VISITED REGION MUST  
HAVE POINTED OUT TO SOMALIS AND ETHIOPIANS ADVANTAGES  
OF NON-ALIGNED POLICY.

IN CONCLUSION ARTICLE SAID SOMALIS MUST HAVE LEARNED VERY IMPORTANT LESSON FROM OGADEN WAR: THAT THEY TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON SOVIETS FOR ARMS, AND THAT THEY HAD FAILED TO SEE POSSIBILITIES OF INVOLVEMENT OF SOVIETS AND OTHER SOVIALIST COUNTRIES WITH ADDIS ABABA.

3. ANOTHER STORY, BASED ON AFP DISPATCH, COVERED CARTER-BEGIN TALKS SAYING NO PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE.

4. JOURNAL ALSO COVERED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S DAR PRESS CONFERENCE CITING HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH INTERNAL RHODESIAN SOLUTION, BUT HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH TRANSITIONAL GOVERNEMENT. ALSO CITED HIS COMMENT THAT WALVIS BAY BELONGED TO NAMIBIA, BUT THAT ISSUE SHOULD NOT POSE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO NEGOTIATION EFFORTS OF WESTERN FIVE. MCCOO

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